



## *BREAKING GROUND ON A PROMISING FUTURE*

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[FOREST HILL, TEXAS- February 26, 2007] The City of Forest Hill is a busy place these days. With new businesses moving into town, new Public Library and Public Works buildings in the works and a new image campaign about to launch, the community is in for some big changes.

The new Value Place Hotel project is well underway. Located off busy I-20 on the east side of town, crews have made great progress in just the last few weeks. "It's exciting to watch construction move along at such a good pace," said City Manager David Miller. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, a groundbreaking ceremony will celebrate the beginning of a long-time dream come true for many Forest Hill residents: a new Public Library. "We've waited so long for this! Our citizens will just love it when it's finished," Library District Member Jerline Harvey said. And soon, the city will start work on its new Public Works facility.

Forest Hill is also working hard on plans for its "Community Celebration" event scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>. That day, the city will launch an image campaign including a new logo and slogan as well as debut its new website. The city plans on using the celebration as a vehicle for bringing residents, businesses and city government together. "It's the first step forward in building relationships and looking ahead to planning future events together," Miller said.

Other projects in the works include city-business networking events, youth projects, developing City volunteer programs, expanding community action programs like the Citizens Police Academy and preparing the first phase of plans for a new City Hall facility. "We're moving forward and I believe our community will be happy with what they see," said long time resident and Councilman Ray Rhyne. He's seen many changes over the last four decades and looks forward to being part of a "team that will work with citizens and businesses to change Forest Hill for the better and move us to becoming *Community Driven*."

The March 24<sup>th</sup> festivities will open with a welcome from a special celebrity guest. Those who attend can visit local vendor booths, meet Forest Hill Police and Fire Rescue personnel and learn how their equipment operates, and enjoy free food and giveaways. A petting zoo, clown, puppet show, appearance by McGruff the Crime Dog, and Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny are some of the scheduled activities.

For more information about City projects and events, call Venus Wehle, Director of Economic Development and Community Relations at (817) 568-3046.

The City of Forest Hill was established in 1946. It is home to more than 13,000 residents and over 300 businesses. It is located in southeast Tarrant County.

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